

SIMPLY A MONEY-GETTER.

One always experiences a certain feeling of regret when one thinks of A. T. Stewart, the great New York merchant, and of a tangle into which his estate has fallen since his death. Stewart began life like a poor Irish boy, spent his days in ceaseless toil and died childless, worth twenty millions. He gave something toward founding a library and a few pictures to various institutions, and with these his benefactions ended. His art gallery, we believe, went to the public in the end, but not through any direction that he left behind him. He devoted his life to money getting, as though it were the highest object to which mortals can aspire. He left the bulk of his great estate to a rich lawyer and to a wife incapable of bearing it. And as if to emphasize his belief that money-getting and the exploitation of wealth are the first duties which man owes to society, he directed the erection of a mortuary chapel to mark the spot where he was buried. But his body was stolen, and it is doubtful whether the bones for which Judge Hilton paid a great sum were those of the Broadway merchant, and it is equally doubtful whether the church which was raised to typify his money-getting virtues is a true memorial or a glittering cenotaph. His wife died, leaving the estate tied up in such a way that it will take ten years of judicial interpretation to discover what disposition she intended should be made of it. Although both husband and wife sprung from poverty and knew its privations, they left small bounty to their poor kindred, and now the estate is in litigation. We are not contending that thrift is not a virtue, or that one should give all one has to the poor; we are simply suggesting that wealth owes a duty to society which is seldom performed as well as it should be. The memories of Peabody and of Corcoran will blossom with the benedictions of the highest type of the race when the name of the merchant prince of New York will have perished from the recollection of men.

People will simply recollect Stewart as one of the meanest minded, close fisted old curmudgeons that ever drew the breath of life, and whose death was no loss to anybody.

A Queer Squint.

A lot of young men who have dabbled in Wall street stocks are squealing because young George Gould has cleared up several millions by "sacrificing his friends." These callow speculators ought to know that the sacrificing of other people's interests is a part of the regular business of the stock broker. They ought to have remembered the old adage, "like father, like son," and borne in mind the fact that no friend ever lived that the old man would not have sacrificed.

In order to make money in a market where the values do not exist, but are purely fictitious, somebody must be sacrificed, and the operator takes good care that it is not himself. The poor dupes of Gould must not expect sympathy from any quarter.

Political Note.

Hon. Wm. Woodburn is not a candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court. He will be renominated and re-elected Congressman, despite the railroads or Mr. Cassidy.—Journal.

—Bishop, the mind reader, is charged by the Stockton Mail with writing tender love letters to himself, signing leading society names to them, and showing them about the hotels. The Reno far bucket is too good for this fellow.

—The Journal is now booming Allison for the Presidency. As soon as Allison gets a marked copy of the paper he will also be on the retired list.

—Young and Preble both want to go to the California Legislature from Butte county.

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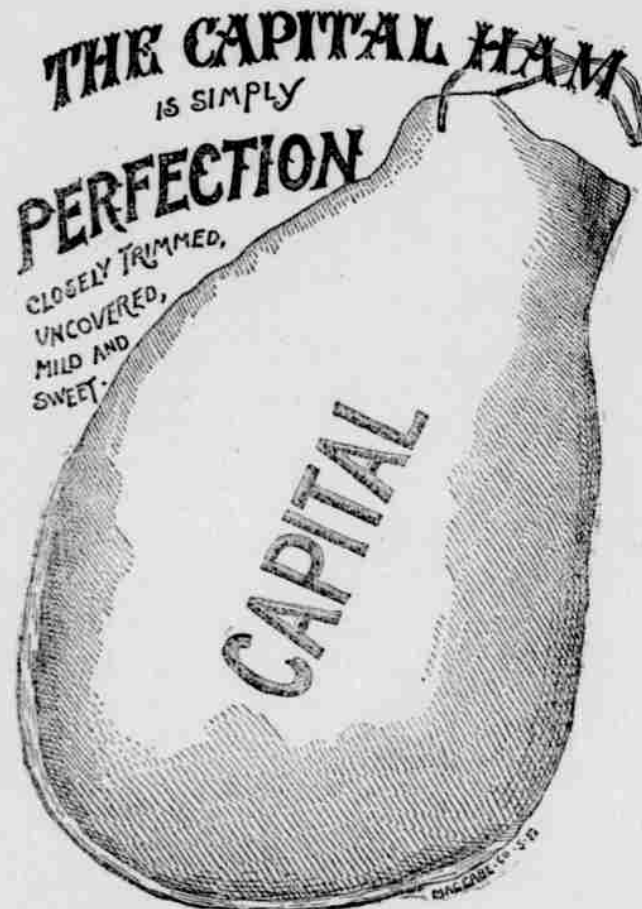
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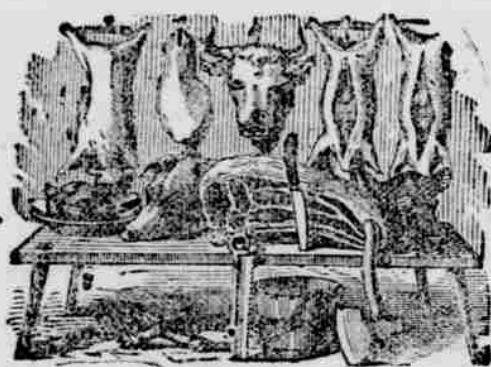
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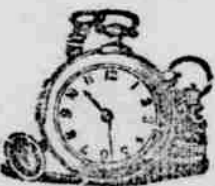


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